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Period	Marriages	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase (a)	Net Migration (b)	Population	
						Whole State(c)	Metro-politan(d)
1950-51	20,814	50,295	22,436	27,859	40,638	2,276,575	1,302,200
1951-52	20,747	51,757	24,039	27,718	40,198	2,344,491	1,330,800
1952-53	19,302	54,108	22,514	31,594	19,169	2,395,254	1,359,100
1953-54	19,567	53,910	23,054	30,856	26,231	2,452,341	1,388,800
1954-55	19,454	55,497	22,407	33,090	37,587	2,523,018	1,544,500
1955-56	20,378	57,627	22,657	34,970	47,100	2,605,088	1,595,300
1956-57	19,889	59,185	24,355	34,830	33,580	2,673,498	1,677,100
1957-58	21,034	60,136	23,831	36,305	31,594	2,741,397	1,726,100
1958-59	20,293	62,799	25,107	37,692	35,434	2,814,523	1,777,700
1959-60	20,804	62,518	24,488	38,030	39,195	2,891,748	1,831,100
1956 -							
Sep. Qr.	4,368	14,579	7,340	7,239	12,249	2,624,576	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	5,584	14,789	5,909	8,880	- 833	2,632,623	1,649,000
1957 -							
Mar. Qr.	4,754	15,273	5,378	9,895	17,265	2,659,783	n.a.
June Qr.	5,183	14,544	5,728	8,816	4,899	2,673,498	1,677,100
Sep. Qr.	4,376	14,958	7,157	7,801	9,817	2,691,116	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	5,926	15,689	5,868	9,821	- 302	2,700,635	n.a.
1958 -							
Mar. Qr.	5,146	15,187	4,949	10,238	15,544	2,726,417	n.a.
June Qr.	5,586	14,302	5,857	8,445	6,535	2,741,397	1,726,100
Sep. Qr.	4,028	15,968	7,019	8,949	5,507	2,755,853	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	5,889	15,812	5,800	10,012	5,054	2,770,919	n.a.
1959 -							
Mar. Qr.	5,312	14,715	5,609	9,106	16,934	2,796,959	n.a.
June Qr.	5,064	16,304	6,679	9,625	7,939	2,814,523	1,777,700
Sep. Qr.	4,246	15,465	6,860	8,605	6,884	2,830,012	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	5,834	15,761	5,930	9,831	3,060	2,842,903	n.a.
1960 -							
Mar. Qr.	5,277	15,229	5,584	9,645	22,812	2,875,360	n.a.
June Qr.	5,447	16,063	6,114	9,949	6,439	2,891,748	1,831,100
Sep. Qr.	4,078	17,019(e)	7,861(e)	9,158(e)	9,913	2,910,819	n.a.
Dec. Qr.	5,825	15,714(e)	4,988(e)	10,726(e)	3,988	2,925,533	n.a.

(a) Excess of Births over Deaths.

(b) Excess of interstate and overseas arrivals over departures. Interstate migration relates to recorded movements by rail, sea, and air and certain special movements by road.

(c) At end of each period. For each date subsequent to the census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population represents the population ascertained at the census plus natural increase and net migration since that date. As complete records of interstate migration are not available the estimated population so derived is subject to revision at the next census.

(d) At middle of each period to 1955-56 and at end of each period thereafter.

(e) Owing to changes in the registration procedure figures for September and December quarters, 1960 are not strictly comparable with those for corresponding quarters of other years.

n.a. : Not available.

NOTE : Population increase of the State is the sum of natural increase and net migration.

3.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT : VICTORIA
(Excluding Rural Workers, Female Private Domestics, and Defence Forces)
('000)

Month	Total Employees			Total Employees in Main Industrial Groups				
	Government (a)	Private Employ- ers	Total	Fac- tories	Building and Con- struc- tion	Trans- port and Comm- unic- ation	Commerce and Finance	Pro- fessional and Personal Services (b)

MALES

1958 - June	166.1	426.8	592.9	248.1	50.8	74.9	103.2	57.0
1959 - June	169.3	434.1	603.4	254.1	50.7	75.9	105.0	58.6
1960 - June	168.9	451.7	620.6	265.3	50.7	75.3	108.9	61.2
1960 -								
Jan.	168.2	444.9	613.1	261.1	48.8	75.8	108.1	59.7
Feb.	169.5	447.9	617.4	262.8	49.7	75.5	109.0	61.0
Mar.	169.7	449.7	619.4	264.3	49.9	75.5	109.0	61.0
1961 -								
Jan.	169.2	463.5	632.7	269.3	51.7	76.4	113.1	62.3
Feb.	170.5	459.9	630.4	266.2	52.2	76.5	112.6	62.7
Mar.	172.2	456.0	628.2	262.6	52.2	77.6	112.3	62.9

FEMALES

1958 - June	43.1	201.4	244.5	94.7	1.5	11.3	60.7	66.3
1959 - June	45.2	207.6	252.8	97.6	1.5	11.6	62.2	69.5
1960 - June	46.6	219.7	266.3	104.3	1.7	11.9	65.7	72.3
1960 -								
Jan.	45.2	215.0	260.2	101.7	1.6	11.9	64.3	70.2
Feb.	46.9	218.1	265.0	103.9	1.6	12.0	65.3	71.8
Mar.	46.9	219.9	266.8	105.2	1.7	12.0	65.4	72.1
1961 -								
Jan.	46.8	223.6	270.4	105.5	1.8	12.2	67.9	72.4
Feb.	48.6	225.5	274.1	106.6	1.8	12.3	68.4	74.3
Mar.	48.7	223.5	272.2	105.2	1.8	12.4	67.6	74.5

PERSONS

1958 - June	209.2	628.2	837.4	342.8	52.3	86.2	163.9	123.3
1959 - June	214.5	641.7	856.2	351.7	52.2	87.5	167.2	128.1
1960 - June	215.5	671.4	886.9	369.6	52.4	87.2	174.6	133.5
1960 -								
Jan.	213.4	659.9	873.3	362.8	50.4	87.7	172.4	129.9
Feb.	216.4	666.0	882.4	366.7	51.3	87.5	174.3	132.8
Mar.	216.6	669.6	886.2	369.5	51.6	87.5	174.4	133.1
1961 -								
Jan.	216.0	687.1	903.1	374.8	53.5	88.6	181.0	134.7
Feb.	219.1	685.4	904.5	372.8	54.0	88.8	181.0	137.0
Mar.	220.9	679.5	900.4	367.8	54.0	90.0	179.9	137.4

(a) Commonwealth, State, local and allied governmental authorities.

(b) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants.

BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES (a) - ADULT MALES : MELBOURNE

Month of Change		Under Commonwealth Awards	Under Determinations of State Wages Boards
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.
1950	May	6.17. 0	6.17. 0
	November	7. 3. 0	7. 3. 0
	December	8. 2. 0 (b)	8. 2. 0 (b)
1951	May	8.17. 0	8.17. 0
1952	May	10.12. 0	10.12. 0
1953	May	11.12. 0	11.12. 0
	August	11.15. 0	11.15. 0
	November		11.17. 0
1954	August		11.16. 0
1955	May		11.17. 0
1956	May		12.16. 0
	June	12. 5. 0 (b)	
	August		13. 3. 0
1957	May	12.15. 0 (b)	
1958	May	13. 0. 0 (b)	
1959	June	13.15. 0 (b)	13.15. 0 (b)

(a) Covers selected rates but does not include all of the variations since May, 1960.

(b) Rates declared subsequent to a Commonwealth basic wage enquiry.

Female rates : Since December, 1950, female rates have been 75% of the corresponding male rates; previously they have varied according to the award or determination under which they were payable.

Note : Up to August, 1953, basic wage rates under Wages Board Determinations generally followed those fixed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. In September, 1953, automatic quarterly adjustments of the basic wage were discontinued by the Commonwealth Court, but were continued for State Wages Board determinations until August, 1956.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a) : VICTORIA
(£)

Period	Sep. Qr.	Dec. Qr.	March Qr.	June Qr.	Year
1952-53	15.33	16.58	14.84	16.09	15.71
1953-54	16.42	17.36	15.86	16.93	16.64
1954-55	17.24	18.04	16.73	18.35	17.59
1955-56	18.30	19.26	17.95	19.61	18.78
1956-57	19.44	20.45	18.78	20.12	19.70
1957-58	19.97	21.27	19.14	20.49	20.22
1958-59	20.52	21.85	19.44	20.97	20.69
1959-60	21.72	22.80	21.58	23.24	22.34
1960-61	23.08	24.25	22.15		

(a) Total wages divided by total civil employment expressed in male earnings.

NOTE : Comparisons of trends should be made for complete years. Quarterly averages are affected by seasonal influences.

MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES (a) : VICTORIA

5.

End of Month	Rates of Wage (b)				Index Numbers (Base : Australia 1954 = 100)			
	Adult Males		Adult Females		Adult Males		Adult Females	
	Manuf- acturing	All Ind- ustries	Manuf- acturing	All Ind- ustries	Manuf- acturing	All Ind- ustries	Manuf- acturing	All Ind- ustries
	s.d.							
1956-December	307.3	309.7	213.6	220.3	108.8	109.6	107.2	110.6
1957-December	314.5	316.0	220.0	225.0	111.3	111.9	110.5	113.0
1958-December	318.1	319.8	222.8	227.6	112.6	113.2	111.8	114.3
1959-December	342.6	344.0	236.1	241.3	121.3	121.8	119.0	121.2
1960-December	347.7	349.8	241.2	246.7	123.1	123.8	121.1	123.9
1961 - Jan.	347.9	349.9	n.a.	n.a.	123.1	123.8	n.a.	n.a.
Feb.	347.10	349.10	n.a.	n.a.	123.2	123.9	n.a.	n.a.
Mar.	347.10	349.10	241.2	246.8	123.2	123.9	121.1	123.9

(a) Indexes of weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime) and index numbers of wage rates, as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. The indexes are designed to measure movements in prescribed minimum rates of "wages" as distinct from "salaries". Consequently, awards, etc., relating mainly to salary earners are excluded. Rural industries are also excluded.

(b) The money amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money terms.

n.a. : Not available.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK (a) : VICTORIA

Period	Number of Disputes	Workers Involved			Working Days Lost	Estimated Loss in Wages £'000
		Directly	Indirectly (b)	Total		
1955-56	50	33,997	1,876	35,873	192,352	643
1956-57	46	20,267	1,015	21,282	20,262	65
1957-58	65	44,701	548	45,249	83,105	287
1958-59	56	15,307	1,172	16,479	42,118	146
1959-60	76	71,686	807	72,493	68,554	255
1959 -						
Mar. Qr.	22	6,810	283	7,093	10,641	39
June Qr.	8	5,376	19	5,395	5,539	23
Sep. Qr.	11	11,396	6	11,402	2,982	10
Dec. Qr.	19	7,552	799	8,351	16,728	60
1960 -						
Mar. Qr.	27	32,093	2	32,095	27,904	103
June Qr.	19	20,645	-	20,645	20,940	82
Sep. Qr.	21	19,159	-	19,159	15,468	57
Dec. Qr.	31	14,105	-	14,105	38,493	155

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred, but who were not themselves parties to the dispute.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS, AND SPECIAL BENEFITS
NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFITS AND AMOUNTS PAID IN BENEFITS : VICTORIA

Period	Number on Benefit (a)				Amount Paid in Benefits During Period			
	Unem- ployment	Sick- ness	Special		Unem- ployment	Sick- ness	Special	
			Ordinary	Migrants(b)			Ordinary	Migrants(c)
						(£)		
1950-51	71	1,801	233	-	7,731	197,719	19,586	78,943
1951-52	220	1,621	262	-	11,215	181,117	23,856	22,752
1952-53	6,168	1,732	358	-	923,732	370,354	58,344	82,222
1953-54	2,698	1,987	458	-	507,676	405,414	78,490	48,552
1954-55	538	1,991	544	-	99,305	387,452	80,358	41,845
1955-56	479	1,684	528	-	74,664	345,171	83,878	43,559
1956-57	3,349	1,607	525	-	530,959	339,414	84,630	70,496
1957-58	5,127	1,604	557	-	1,011,800	406,032	106,158	115,576
1958-59	5,743	1,871	627	419	1,224,299	508,980	126,441	60,556
1959-60	4,267	2,071	742	319	935,501	546,165	148,009	54,077
1957 -								
Nov.	4,390	1,600	536	-	83,208	38,474	9,122	8,960
Dec.	4,695	1,526	553	-	65,058	28,415	8,116	11,826
1958 -								
Jan.	4,974	1,500	550	-	99,557	41,223	9,912	11,025
Feb.	4,085	1,590	555	-	102,353	37,721	10,289	15,685
Mar.	4,135	1,531	565	-	61,596	32,148	9,782	4,360
Apr.	5,006	1,534	588	-	83,867	39,989	10,857	5,167
Nov.	4,916	1,942	614	178	104,760	41,219	10,563	621
Dec.	5,436	1,842	594	604	75,468	37,956	11,125	4,850
1959 -								
Jan.	5,389	1,685	604	482	85,036	42,571	8,651	9,089
Feb.	4,572	1,707	611	376	96,952	33,329	7,575	7,899
Mar.	4,548	1,710	633	485	84,273	40,562	10,859	4,837
Apr.	5,136	1,807	636	365	82,917	46,025	14,057	4,850
Nov.	3,727	2,194	744	108	67,438	45,652	14,498	503
Dec.	4,044	2,131	731	423	48,761	33,780	9,931	2,586
1960 -								
Jan.	3,946	2,027	726	440	80,029	47,007	9,845	5,230
Feb.	3,263	2,022	767	101	62,121	43,646	14,732	4,914
Mar.	3,254	1,998	763	374	68,182	59,161	14,302	3,805
Apr.	3,588	2,017	769	631	56,331	43,588	11,412	4,672
Nov.	1,797	2,195	884	55	31,811	41,906	11,532	3,714
Dec.	2,116	2,111	891	123	25,539	45,440	16,433	1,205
1961 -								
Jan.	2,169	1,984	887	370	33,473	38,883	10,743	857
Feb.	2,341	2,008	923	70	37,536	47,243	13,933	9,945
Mar.	4,192	1,918	931	305	47,568	42,675	14,287	3,725
Apr.	7,537	2,021	956	947	78,235	39,249	15,525	5,984

Source : Department of Social Services.

(a) Average of monthly figures for financial years and thereafter on benefit on last Saturday of month.

(b) Not available prior to July, 1958.

(c) In reception and training centres.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : MELBOURNE
(Base of Each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100)

7.

Period	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Misc- ellaneous	All Groups
1953-54	104.4	100.6	102.9	101.2	99.9	102.0
1954-55	103.9	101.2	105.4	100.6	99.7	102.0
1955-56	112.2	102.8	113.8	101.6	108.3	108.1
1956-57	117.8	104.9	122.8	105.2	117.8	114.0
1957-58	114.3	108.4	127.3	106.2	118.8	114.4
1958-59	116.1	109.6	129.4	109.2	122.2	116.6
1959-60	120.8	110.7	135.8	110.9	125.5	120.0
1959 -						
Dec. Qr.	119.2	110.6	133.0	110.4	124.1	118.8
1960 -						
Mar. Qr.	120.8	110.9	134.3	110.9	125.3	119.8
June Qr.	124.2	111.6	144.3	111.9	128.9	123.0
Sep. Qr.	129.1	111.9	147.2	112.3	128.9	124.9
Dec. Qr.	129.2	112.7	150.2	112.4	129.2	125.5
1961 -						
Mar. Qr.	130.4	112.9	152.5	112.3	129.2	126.1

CONSUMPTION OF MAIN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS : VICTORIA (a)
('000 gallons)

Period	Aviation Gasoline	Motor Spirit (b)	Aviation Turbine Fuel	Lighting Kerosine	Power Kerosine	Diesel Oil (c)		Furnace Oil (d)
						Auto- motive	Indus- trial	
1955-56	8,605	278,405	3,910	14,877	20,357	30,951	47,494	104,664
1956-57	8,557	292,862	6,045	13,753	18,614	37,849	47,030	132,171
1957-58	7,571	312,775	6,778	14,411	18,765	41,719	47,502	135,853
1958-59	6,513	336,485	8,297	15,301	18,721	45,341	51,297	133,079
1959-60	4,369	366,210	17,322	16,909	16,909	49,950	53,348	140,735
1959 -								
Nov.	350	30,503	1,410	873	1,684	4,247	4,293	15,174
Dec.	377	34,965	1,163	873	1,681	4,402	3,053	7,663
1960 -								
Jan.	402	28,842	1,465	788	1,378	3,642	2,929	7,467
Feb.	387	30,922	1,524	1,017	1,537	4,461	3,737	11,348
Mar.								
Apr.								
Nov.	339	34,528	1,296	1,065	1,944	5,525	4,276	10,737
Dec.	405	36,796	1,354	865	2,152	5,952	3,630	6,149
1961 -								
Jan.	358	31,550	1,224	772	977	3,739	3,326	6,017
Feb.	376	31,340	1,199	1,089	1,065	4,271	3,724	10,570
Mar.	379	35,030	1,384	1,408	1,187	4,900	4,134	9,245
Apr.	335	30,254	1,174	1,193	1,406	4,509	3,739	8,636

Source : Division of Fuel, Department of National Development.

(a) State marketing area, which includes whole of Victoria, plus the Riverina district in N.S.W.

(b) Includes super and standard grades.

(c) Excludes bunker oil.

(d) Excludes refinery fuel.

PRODUCTION STATISTICS : VICTORIA
SELECTED LIST OF COMMODITIES (a)

Period	Elec- tricity	Gas	Sul- phuric Acid	Super- phos- phate	Brown Coal	Butter (b)	Meat (c)	Flour (Wheaten)
	mill. kWh.	mill. cu. ft.			'000 tons			'000 short tons
1950-51	2,876	11,446	242.0	615.1	7,300	57.98	258.0	448.8
1951-52	2,964	12,525	242.8	633.0	8,096	59.24	267.1	559.2
1952-53	3,193	13,136	220.4	571.3	8,075	57.32	294.7	591.4
1953-54	3,693	13,715	252.9	659.5	8,731	63.61	292.5	473.8
1954-55	4,151	14,290	275.1	722.9	9,668	79.51	320.4	452.5
1955-56	4,647	14,461	296.3	760.2	10,383	90.67	306.8	451.5
1956-57	4,991	15,746	269.2	642.9	10,772	88.60	311.4	450.8
1957-58	5,321	16,684	314.6	773.9	10,859	86.18	374.1	470.8
1958-59	5,704	17,306	308.5	775.2	12,337	88.13	405.9	436.8
1959-60	6,142	17,985	322.8	855.0	14,028	89.26	405.6	447.5
1958 -								
Oct.	475	1,500	18.3	48.7	1,032	12.56	36.5	36.8
Nov.	430	1,295	19.7	43.1	998	12.94	39.7	37.7
Dec.	423	1,256	18.5	48.3	925	12.82	43.1	31.1
1959 -								
Jan.	403	1,062	24.6	56.0	900	9.45	35.1	30.9
Feb.	402	1,085	30.2	60.1	891	6.42	36.5	32.5
Mar.	432	1,263	34.5	75.4	1,011	6.32	34.1	33.1
Oct.	511	1,574	21.4	57.5	1,162	13.37	39.2	38.7
Nov.	458	1,320	19.6	41.4	1,123	13.75	40.8	37.8
Dec.	439	1,269	28.0	76.2	1,015	12.55	41.9	32.7
1960 -								
Jan.	425	1,089	29.2	72.1	1,062	9.92	36.1	33.3
Feb.	447	1,161	30.0	72.8	1,124	7.48	35.8	30.5
Mar.	482	1,241	31.1	94.4	1,168	5.50	35.2	33.9
Oct.	562	1,529	23.0	59.0	1,299	13.55	32.5	42.2
Nov.	546	1,441	14.0	44.7	1,239	13.80	38.8	38.8
Dec.	490	1,202	24.7	56.9	1,166	12.62	36.9	33.4
1961 -								
Jan.	470	1,046	27.1	68.7	1,203	9.04	31.8	36.0
Feb.	454	1,084	r 27.3	71.2	1,204	5.62	31.9	41.4
Mar.	485	1,278	31.4	99.2	1,259	4.76	32.1	39.2

(a) Particulars of production of other commodities appear in the Victorian Monthly Production Bulletin which is obtainable free of charge on application.

(b) Factory Production only.

(c) Bone-in weight.

r : Revised.

NOTE : All figures from July, 1959 are subject to revision.

PRODUCTION STATISTICS : VICTORIA
SELECTED LIST OF COMMODITIES (a)

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Period	Beer (b)	Clay Bricks	Roofing Tiles	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Sawn Native Timber	Electric Motors	Motor Bodies	Footwear (c)
	mill. galls.	mill.		'000 sq.yds.	mill. sup.ft.	No.		'000 prs.
1950-51	52.90	178.6	35.02	6,606	329.6	94,490	48,736	13,349
1951-52	56.17	185.2	35.63	7,317	348.5	113,610	49,667	12,443
1952-53	57.88	164.6	32.31	6,754	322.2	102,857	38,069	11,689
1953-54	63.63	198.5	32.65	6,665	339.0	160,219	63,019	13,873
1954-55	68.09	209.2	35.80	7,343	362.3	168,079	66,056	13,724
1955-56	71.59	225.5	39.36	8,069	351.3	175,313	83,213	14,379
1956-57	67.61	208.1	34.01	7,431	342.4	188,309	64,159	15,231
1957-58	69.34	236.4	34.55	7,621	346.4	213,046	90,495	16,199
1958-59	70.26	257.9	37.49	8,297	344.0	250,164	101,721	18,321
1959-60	74.15	286.0	36.91	8,116	347.8	293,114	132,060	20,864
1958 -								
Oct.	6.33	23.4	3.83	771	31.0	23,213	9,010	1,739
Nov.	6.42	20.9	3.37	722	29.3	22,072	8,263	1,508
Dec.	7.77	20.0	2.75	598	24.6	19,666	7,421	1,303
1959 -								
Jan.	6.40	16.8	2.13	487	18.5	14,520	5,722	852
Feb.	6.21	20.2	3.19	679	29.4	21,934	8,645	1,469
Mar.	5.78	20.9	2.87	665	28.3	21,669	8,908	1,502
Oct.	6.63	25.3	3.18	697	30.5	23,586	10,528	1,955
Nov.	7.27	23.1	3.03	706	29.8	24,670	10,499	1,948
Dec.	8.18	21.5	2.51	584	24.0	23,442	8,918	1,572
1960 -								
Jan.	7.05	19.0	2.02	498	20.5	15,646	7,046	970
Feb.	6.06	23.4	3.01	690	29.9	24,775	11,532	1,610
Mar.	6.43	26.6	3.42	751	33.3	29,555	13,715	1,773
Oct.	6.09	27.5	3.46	724	28.5	29,315	13,227	1,838
Nov.	7.71	26.7	3.49	737	31.0	33,647	14,643	1,912
Dec.	7.84	24.2	2.29	526	24.3	26,796	10,207	1,361
1961 -								
Jan.	8.06	19.6	1.96	491	17.6	19,940	8,643	1,044
Feb.	6.58	22.2	2.68	582	25.0	24,729	10,315	1,567
Mar.	6.83	23.6	2.46	567	n.a.	27,217	10,170	1,850

(a) Particulars of production of other commodities appear in the Victorian Monthly Production Bulletin which is obtainable free of charge on application.

(b) From 1956-57 onwards represents quantity produced (incl. waste) as recorded by Department of Customs and Excise.

(c) Excludes rubber.

n.a. Not available.

NOTE : All figures from July, 1959 are subject to revision.

Period	Houses (Dwelling Units)				Flats (Dwelling Units)			
	Approved (a)	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Under Constr- uction (b)	Approved (a)	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Under Constr- uction (b)
1950-51	n.a.	26,949	21,194	27,308	n.a.	473	333	865
1951-52	n.a.	23,506	24,088	26,726	n.a.	432	416	881
1952-53	n.a.	16,254	21,284	21,675	n.a.	490	692	685
1953-54	20,963	20,915	21,593	20,995	872	739	689	735
1954-55	23,000	22,674	23,839	19,827	1,157	1,183	781	1,137
1955-56	21,801	21,245	22,652	18,399	776	715	1,273	579
1956-57	19,868	19,649	20,185	17,863	1,259	1,110	897	792
1957-58	22,719	21,933	21,367	18,429	1,380	1,280	1,104	971
1958-59	22,826	22,443	24,329	16,543	1,965	1,826	1,434	1,363
1959-60	24,585	23,201	24,157	15,587	4,480	3,521	2,062	2,822
1956 -								
June Qr.	5,064	4,902	5,334	18,399	224	244	433	579
Sep. Qr.	4,743	4,843	5,470	17,772	228	121	174	526
Dec. Qr.	4,820	4,812	5,346	17,238	137	263	181	608
1957 -								
Mar. Qr.	5,133	4,923	4,480	17,681	412	280	169	719
June Qr.	5,172	5,071	4,889	17,863	482	446	373	792
Sep. Qr.	5,583	5,153	4,813	18,203	380	327	306	813
Dec. Qr.	5,631	5,133	5,798	17,538	331	259	303	769
1958 -								
Mar. Qr.	5,641	5,732	5,084	18,186	308	323	205	887
June Qr.	5,864	5,915	5,672	18,429	361	374	290	971
Sep. Qr.	6,382	6,089	6,022	18,496	453	355	364	962
Dec. Qr.	5,935	5,428	6,669	17,255	528	321	407	876
1959 -								
Mar. Qr.	4,707	5,438	5,553	17,140	298	526	329	1,073
June Qr.	5,802	5,488	6,085	16,543	686	624	334	1,363
Sep. Qr.	6,077	5,558	5,856	16,245	806	542	415	1,490
Dec. Qr.	6,087	5,878	6,503	15,620	778	771	616	1,645
1960 -								
Mar. Qr.	6,065	5,754	5,509	15,865	1,130	964	392	2,217
June Qr.	6,356	6,011	6,289	15,587	1,766	1,244	639	2,822
Sep. Qr.	6,058	5,904	6,264	15,227	1,985	1,570	917	3,475
Dec. Qr.	5,007	4,986	6,484	13,729	1,686	1,778	1,180	4,073
1961 -								
Mar. Qr.	3,184	(c)3,854	(c)4,685	(c)12,898	544	(c)628	(c)850	(c)3,851

(a) Approvals comprise permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let or day labour work commenced by government authorities.

(b) At end of period.

(c) Preliminary estimate.

n.a. : Not available.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS : VICTORIA
(£'000)

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Period	Houses and Flats	Shops	Fac- tories	Business Premises	Educa- tion	Health	Other	Total
COMMENCED								
1956-57	65,716	2,820	13,258	10,229	5,816	3,807	7,688	109,334
1957-58	75,620	3,661	16,013	10,893	4,207	5,320	6,419	122,133
1958-59	78,887	6,036	16,599	14,518	5,314	2,157	8,096	131,607
1959-60	90,865	6,495	19,270	17,319	8,990	2,325	8,340	153,604
1959 -								
Mar. Qr.	19,353	1,111	5,755	2,034	1,073	637	1,848	31,811
June Qr.	20,140	2,176	4,811	4,859	1,290	715	1,910	35,901
Sep. Qr.	20,456	2,482	4,624	4,529	2,292	969	2,240	37,592
Dec. Qr.	21,851	1,297	3,124	4,967	1,992	201	1,732	35,164
1960 -								
Mar. Qr.	22,872	1,511	6,303	5,081	1,585	562	2,217	40,131
June Qr.	25,686	1,205	5,219	2,742	3,121	593	2,151	40,717
Sep. Qr.	27,000	1,761	6,179	4,752	2,353	2,806	2,696	47,547
Dec. Qr.	24,146	1,192	6,311	6,532	2,898	317	2,634	44,030
COMPLETED								
1956-57	68,111	3,364	17,416	9,787	4,826	3,385	7,941	114,830
1957-58	73,196	3,666	19,219	14,391	7,600	6,753	6,931	131,756
1958-59	84,772	4,761	16,096	13,920	4,495	3,993	9,400	137,437
1959-60	87,208	5,382	21,506	15,301	6,521	2,913	9,331	148,162
1959 -								
Mar. Qr.	19,377	1,104	3,670	1,736	1,633	666	2,589	30,775
June Qr.	21,231	1,011	4,948	4,015	1,246	777	2,830	36,058
Sep. Qr.	20,752	1,137	5,076	3,627	1,303	439	3,310	35,644
Dec. Qr.	23,422	1,474	6,031	3,978	789	1,503	2,934	40,131
1960 -								
Mar. Qr.	19,952	1,116	5,860	4,026	2,094	601	1,372	35,023
June Qr.	23,082	1,653	4,539	3,670	2,335	370	1,715	37,364
Sep. Qr.	24,540	3,053	7,303	4,365	1,336	446	1,917	42,960
Dec. Qr.	26,277	1,998	5,105	4,489	1,288	643	2,346	42,146
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD								
1956-57	55,717	2,081	23,458	16,945	6,296	13,080	10,366	127,943
1957-58	59,871	2,114	21,147	13,798	3,126	12,597	10,097	122,750
1958-59	55,658	3,434	22,011	14,791	4,071	11,269	8,945	120,179
1959-60	60,859	4,649	19,935	16,864	6,706	10,740	8,020	127,773
1959 -								
Mar. Qr.	56,391	2,261	22,090	13,869	3,935	11,297	9,847	119,690
June Qr.	55,658	3,434	22,011	14,791	4,071	11,269	8,945	120,179
Sep. Qr.	55,682	4,834	21,580	15,610	5,099	11,810	7,878	122,493
Dec. Qr.	54,518	4,675	18,705	16,660	6,312	10,541	6,699	118,110
1960 -								
Mar. Qr.	57,842	5,075	19,216	17,775	5,876	10,513	7,546	123,843
June Qr.	60,859	4,649	19,935	16,864	6,706	10,740	8,020	127,773
Sep. Qr.	63,819	3,349	18,902	17,282	7,714	13,120	8,888	133,074
Dec. Qr.	62,014	2,564	20,151	19,329	9,349	12,801	9,205	135,413

STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND (a) : VICTORIA

REVENUE
(£'000)

Item	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61 (Estimate)	July - April		
				1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
Taxation	30,504	37,994	40,258	20,664	25,889	28,780
Railways	38,142	39,032	41,062	31,485	31,636	35,040
State Coal Mine	409	362	373	331	280	287
Territorial	2,452	2,937	3,216	1,736	2,233	2,189
Interest	8,420	9,313	10,358	1,928	2,291	2,579
Commonwealth Grants -						
Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	1,773	1,773	1,773
Tax Reimbursement	54,582	60,625	66,804	40,035	44,458	49,405
All Other Revenue	14,614	15,920	17,268	8,470	9,211	10,716
Total :	151,250	168,310	181,466	106,422	117,771	130,769

EXPENDITURE
(£'000)

Item	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61 (Estimate)	July - April		
				1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
Interest, Exchange, etc. (b)	21,532	24,362	26,685	17,333	19,607	21,167
Sinking Fund Contributions	4,689	5,300	5,783	3,967	4,280	4,780
Railways	36,426	37,663	38,977	30,026	31,284	32,057
State Coal Mine	648	592	622	486	440	486
Pensions, etc.	4,092	4,441	4,819	3,370	2,896	3,735
Law and Order	9,766	10,591	11,558	8,085	8,283	9,395
Education	31,037	35,308	39,760	24,354	27,589	31,766
Health	21,075	23,339	24,516	17,399	18,951	19,934
Other Social	2,847	3,296	3,643	1,940	1,932	2,665
All Other Expenditure	21,684	23,105	25,058	13,984	14,840	15,382
Total :	153,796	167,997	181,421	120,944	130,102	141,367

(a) Tables on this page have been prepared from information published in the Annual Budget Papers and from the monthly statements issued by the State Treasury.

(b) Excluding interest paid on loans received from the Commonwealth Government for Housing and Soldier Settlement. These amounts are included with "All Other Expenditure".

(Lodged under Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Act)

Period	Under £5,000		£5,000 and Over		Total (a)	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
		£'000		£'000		£'000
1956-57	31,655	56,592	1,563	22,967	33,218	79,559
1957-58	34,181	62,935	1,913	26,989	36,094	89,924
1958-59	37,471	73,285	2,460	32,375	39,931	105,660
1959-60	40,092	83,125	2,938	46,121	43,030	129,246
1959 -						
Oct.	3,517	7,307	289	4,682	3,806	11,989
Nov.	3,235	6,561	237	4,156	3,472	10,717
Dec.	3,101	6,369	233	3,509	3,334	9,878
1960 -						
Jan.	2,433	4,980	210	3,609	2,643	8,589
Feb.	2,732	5,711	209	2,830	2,941	8,541
Mar.	3,261	7,007	266	4,483	3,527	11,490
Oct.	3,994	8,619	373	7,283	4,367	15,902
Nov.	3,888	8,271	368	8,038	4,256	16,309
Dec.	3,692	7,873	406	7,198	4,098	15,071
1961 -						
Jan.	2,646	5,502	279	3,616	2,925	9,118
Feb.	3,145	6,663	296	4,424	3,441	11,087
Mar.	3,236	6,599	364	5,125	3,600	11,724

MORTGAGES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO TYPES OF MORTGAGEES : VICTORIA

(£'000)

Period	Banks (a)	Co-operative Housing Societies	Insurance Companies	Commonwealth and State Government Institutions	Others	Total (a)
1956-57	8,371	8,671	16,061	11,447	35,009	79,559
1957-58	12,050	7,790	18,565	15,337	36,182	89,924
1958-59	17,210	8,063	16,636	12,603	51,148	105,660
1959-60	20,495	8,354	19,048	13,097	68,252	129,246
1959 -						
Oct.	1,510	913	2,018	1,236	6,312	11,989
Nov.	1,543	669	1,819	954	5,732	10,717
Dec.	1,674	610	2,347	606	4,641	9,878
1960 -						
Jan.	1,265	416	1,725	840	4,343	8,589
Feb.	1,621	569	888	603	4,860	8,541
Mar.	2,168	686	1,708	888	6,040	11,490
Oct.	2,763	1,063	2,550	1,108	8,418	15,902
Nov.	1,955	1,025	2,461	955	9,913	16,309
Dec.	1,633	981	2,108	949	9,400	15,071
1961 -						
Jan.	780	562	1,563	1,002	5,211	9,118
Feb.	785	956	1,834	1,236	6,276	11,087
Mar.	799	792	2,304	1,104	6,725	11,724

(a) Excluding mortgages to trading banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

14. CHEQUE PAYING BANKS (a) - AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES : VICTORIA

Period	Deposits			Advances	Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits
	Not Bearing Interest	Bearing Interest	Total		
	£'000				%
1950-51	310,069	98,050	408,119	179,967	44.10
1951-52	329,228	94,332	423,560	228,971	54.06
1952-53	321,396	83,297	404,693	224,091	55.37
1953-54	353,742	90,784	444,526	218,046	49.05
1954-55	367,752	105,717	473,469	249,129	52.62
1955-56	370,587	104,128	474,715	262,672	55.33
1956-57	365,878	111,249	477,127	246,724	51.71
1957-58	375,730	128,772	504,502	251,302	49.81
1958-59	371,873	143,598	515,471	262,590	50.94
1959-60	396,556	151,256	547,812	268,836	49.07
1959 - Dec.	415,210	145,662	560,872	261,185	46.57
1960 - Jan.	403,209	144,253	547,462	260,831	47.64
Feb.	412,207	142,746	554,953	262,162	47.24
Mar.	424,336	143,533	567,869	266,411	46.91
Dec.	394,483	159,371	553,854	322,287	58.20
1961- Jan.	380,164	161,606	541,770	319,608	58.99
Feb.	379,963	170,222	550,185	309,215	56.20
Mar.	385,930	173,078	559,008	302,930	54.19

(a) Banks specified in the Banking Act, 1959 (Banking Act 1945-53 prior to 14th January, 1960) and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia.

CHEQUE PAYING BANKS (a) - DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS : VICTORIA
(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches)
(Weekly Averages £ million)

Period	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
July	161.0	183.8	185.0	204.6	219.7	251.2	286.0
August	156.5	167.3	165.1	184.0	194.9	228.6	297.4
September	168.6	169.3	183.5	196.6	206.9	247.6	271.4
October	178.0	183.8	192.3	210.5	224.4	262.7	293.9
November	170.4	196.1	194.3	212.5	225.6	265.1	291.9
December	184.4	205.2	202.8	242.8	253.4	298.0	308.3
January	165.9	172.2	188.0	173.5	176.8	227.4	259.0
February	188.8	184.0	206.2	201.9	244.6	260.8	272.0
March	187.0	191.1	207.1	212.5	235.0	273.2	282.4
April	174.6	190.2	210.4	216.5	223.0	266.2	
May	191.7	199.2	214.6	218.2	247.1	291.7	
June	182.3	181.0	201.7	216.9	240.1	292.5	

(a) Includes all cheque paying banks and, in addition, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank, prior to 14th January, 1960).

Period	Number of Operative Accounts - All Savings Banks (b)	Depositors' Balances				
		State Savings Bank	Commonwealth Savings Bank	Other Savings Banks	All Savings Banks	Per Head of Population
	1000	£1000				£
1952-53	2,080	234,834	85,137	-	319,971	133.6
1953-54	2,119	245,607	94,174	-	339,781	138.6
1954-55	2,154	260,151	104,597	-	364,748	144.6
1955-56	2,234	264,317	110,215	11,644	386,176	148.2
1956-57	2,320	266,276	114,542	30,751	411,569	153.9
1957-58	2,437	272,807	117,805	43,019	433,631	158.2
1958-59	2,565	281,296	122,577	54,581	458,454	162.9
1959-60	2,692	298,107	131,243	70,242	499,592	173.7
1960 -						
Jan.	2,619	289,705	126,998	64,025	480,728	169.9
Feb.	2,641	291,831	127,832	65,321	484,984	171.4
Mar.	2,655	290,621	128,225	66,916	485,762	171.6
1961 -						
Jan.	2,749	305,726	133,205	74,491	513,422	176.4
Feb.	2,768	304,883	132,643	74,662	512,188	176.0
Mar.	2,786	302,285	131,848	74,423	508,556	173.8

(a) At end of period.

(b) Excluding school bank accounts.

TRADING COMPANIES : VICTORIA

Period	New Trading Companies				Number of Existing Trading Companies (a)	
	Number Registered		Nominal Capital		Victorian	Other
	Victorian	Other	Victorian	Other		
			£1000			
1952-53	926	105	70,729	36,806	13,567	1,208
1953-54	1,287	108	69,515	22,307	14,439	1,277
1954-55	1,719	127	112,723	81,498	15,627	1,354
1955-56	2,103	152	83,371	117,389	17,702	1,483
1956-57	2,196	138	118,239	45,590	19,531	1,591
1957-58	2,645	191	130,914	87,125	21,662	1,751
1958-59	3,143	211	140,827	151,759	24,525	1,906
1959-60	4,163	248	218,781	145,273	28,340	2,114
1960 -						
Feb.	323	17	17,112	8,110	26,806	2,032
Mar.	413	25	24,475	6,950	27,219	2,054
Apr.	368	16	24,885	1,715	27,587	2,069
1961 -						
Feb.	204	17	3,763	14,099	30,949	2,263
Mar.	293	32	10,630	17,763	31,242	2,292
Apr.	273	16	7,872	9,387	31,465	2,301

Source : Registrar-General.

(a) At end of period.

16. RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES (a) : VICTORIA

Period	Number of Agreements Made	Total Value of Goods (b) (£'000)	Amount Financed (c)		Average Proportion of Sale Financed(c) (Per Cent)	Balances Outstanding at End of Period (d) (£'000)
			Total (£'000)	Average Per Agreement (£)		
MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.						
1957-58	94,426	69,120	43,427	460	62.8)
1958-59	104,051	78,358	49,477	476	63.1	
1959-60	123,268	96,313	63,546	516	66.0	
1959 -) (e)
July	8,320	6,327	4,125	496	65.2	
Aug.	9,525	7,170	4,656	489	64.9	
Sep.	10,431	7,958	5,138	493	64.6	
Oct.	11,913	9,163	5,992	503	65.4	
Nov.	11,540	9,522	6,259	542	65.7	
Dec.	12,106	10,008	6,642	549	66.4	
1960 -)
July	9,088	7,195	4,776	526	66.4	
Aug.	10,125	8,002	5,300	523	66.2	
Sep.	8,969	7,179	4,735	528	66.0	
Oct.	9,366	7,757	5,098	544	65.7	
Nov.	9,370	8,250	5,452	582	66.1	
Dec.	6,889	6,268	4,071	591	64.9	
PLANT AND MACHINERY						
1957-58	5,474	3,826	2,399	438	62.7)
1958-59	9,079	5,549	3,548	391	63.9	
1959-60	9,071	6,798	4,569	504	67.2	
1959 -) (e)
July	600	375	240	400	64.0	
Aug.	759	496	331	436	66.7	
Sep.	695	494	323	465	65.4	
Oct.	888	466	309	348	66.3	
Nov.	908	630	415	457	65.9	
Dec.	1,009	797	548	543	68.8	
1960 -)
July	810	628	434	536	69.1	
Aug.	817	629	425	520	67.6	
Sep.	796	658	437	549	66.4	
Oct.	878	812	540	615	66.5	
Nov.	1,244	1,048	675	543	64.4	
Dec.	1,023	1,089	744	727	68.3	

(a) The statistics on this and the following page relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves.

(b) Value at new cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(c) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

(d) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

(e) Separate details are not available. See "TOTAL (ALL GOODS)" on page 17 for total balances outstanding.

(f) Preliminary estimate only.

Period	Number of Agreements Made	Total Value of Goods (b) (£'000)	Amount Financed (c)		Average Proportion of Sale Financed(c) (Per Cent)	Balances Outstanding at End of Period (£'000)(d)
			Total (£'000)	Average per Agreement (£)		

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS

1957-58	197,535	26,341	21,438	109	81.4	}
1958-59	183,455	22,902	18,747	102	81.9	
1959-60	179,766	20,085	16,476	92	82.0	
1959 -						}
July	13,032	1,611	1,317	101	81.8	
Aug.	13,039	1,537	1,250	96	81.3	
Sep.	15,923	1,754	1,412	89	80.5	
Oct.	16,123	1,738	1,427	89	82.1	
Nov.	16,373	1,686	1,381	84	81.9	
Dec.	19,031	1,981	1,610	85	81.3	
1960 -						}
July	12,651	1,461	1,217	96	83.3	
Aug.	13,870	1,668	1,369	99	82.1	
Sep.	13,208	1,551	1,269	96	81.8	
Oct.	13,749	1,600	1,324	96	82.8	
Nov.	14,482	1,652	1,338	92	81.0	
Dec.	12,488	1,389	1,140	91	82.1	

(e)

TOTAL (ALL GOODS)

1957-58	297,435	99,287	67,264	226	67.7	84,652
1958-59	296,585	106,809	71,772	242	67.2	100,193
1959-60	312,105	123,196	84,591	271	68.7	118,935
1959 -						
July	21,952	8,313	5,682	259	68.4	100,251
Aug.	23,323	9,203	6,237	267	67.8	101,506
Sep.	27,049	10,206	6,873	254	67.3	103,540
Oct.	28,924	11,367	7,728	267	68.0	106,046
Nov.	28,821	11,838	8,055	279	68.0	108,326
Dec.	32,146	12,786	8,800	274	68.8	112,211
1960 -						
July	22,549	9,284	6,427	285	69.2	119,003
Aug.	24,812	10,299	7,094	286	68.9	118,894
Sep.	22,973	9,388	6,441	280	68.6	119,827
Oct.	23,993	10,169	6,962	290	68.5	120,766
Nov.	25,096	10,950	7,465	297	68.2	122,056
Dec.	20,400	8,746	5,955	292	68.1	121,361
1961 -						
Jan.						119,588(f)
Feb.						116,773(f)
Mar.						113,823(f)

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES BY COMMODITY GROUPS : VICTORIA
(£ million)

Period	Food- stuffs (a)	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, and Foot- wear	Hardware (b)	Elec- trical Goods (c)	Other Goods (d)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e)
1950-51	119.0	33.6	93.0	25.7	17.7	100.2	389.2	103.2
1951-52	145.7	41.9	99.7	29.4	21.8	116.2	454.7	117.0
1952-53	163.2	45.6	100.2	30.3	20.9	115.7	476.1	108.7
1953-54	173.3	50.1	112.5	33.1	23.9	121.6	514.5	124.5
1954-55	195.8	53.8	116.5	37.0	26.8	130.5	560.4	146.0
1955-56	212.2	59.0	121.8	39.1	30.0	144.9	607.0	164.3
1956-57	226.5	63.5	127.1	40.3	35.3	151.7	644.4	167.2
1957-58	231.1	65.7	133.8	41.4	43.1	154.8	669.9	187.9
1958-59	246.9	68.2	139.8	45.6	50.5	161.8	712.8	197.4
1959-60	266.7 r	71.0	153.6 r	47.0	50.6	179.3 r	768.2 r	243.4 r
1957 -								
Mar. Qr.	56.2	16.6	27.3	9.7	8.0	35.5	153.3	39.1
June Qr.	55.7	15.2	33.6	9.8	9.3	36.3	159.9	42.8
Sep. Qr.	56.3	14.9	30.8	9.9	9.7	36.9	158.5	43.0
Dec. Qr.	59.7	18.0	38.7	11.9	12.0	44.8	185.1	49.9
1958 -								
Mar. Qr.	56.9	17.1	28.5	10.0	10.5	36.2	159.2	46.6
June Qr.	58.2	15.7	35.8	9.6	10.9	36.9	167.1	48.4
Sep. Qr.	59.8	15.4	33.0	10.9	13.0	38.8	170.9	47.8
Dec. Qr.	63.2	18.1	40.8	13.2	14.7	45.6	195.6	52.7
1959 -								
Mar. Qr.	61.7	18.4	29.0	10.6	11.3	37.3	168.3	47.2
June Qr.	62.2	16.3	37.0	10.9	11.5	40.1	178.0	49.7
Sep. Qr.	63.7 r	16.2	34.8 r	11.2	12.2	42.0 r	180.1 r	55.2 r
Dec. Qr.	68.7 r	19.4	44.8 r	13.3	14.3	50.6 r	211.1 r	65.6 r
1960 -								
Mar. Qr.	65.4 r	18.4	31.9 r	11.3	11.8	42.3 r	181.1 r	58.3 r
June Qr.	68.9 r	17.0	42.1 r	11.2	12.3	44.4 r	195.9 r	64.3 r
Sep. Qr.	70.6 r	16.8	37.9 r	11.8	12.5	46.1 r	195.7 r	67.4 r
Dec. Qr.	76.4	20.6	46.9	14.1	14.1	54.2	226.3	69.0

(a) Includes groceries, butchers' meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks).

(c) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.

(d) Includes furniture, tobacco, newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc.

(e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

r : Revised.

NOTE : All figures from September, 1957 are subject to revision.

Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports
1950-51	263,066	265,044	1,978	743,871	981,796	237,925
1951-52	363,193	185,994	-177,199	1,053,423	675,008	-378,415
1952-53	173,775	228,118	54,343	514,109	871,272	357,163
1953-54	237,683	203,581	- 34,102	681,609	828,332	146,723
1954-55	297,494	216,572	- 80,922	843,742	774,164	- 69,578
1955-56	299,340	209,396	- 89,944	821,088	781,864	- 39,224
1956-57	254,946	255,752	806	718,991	992,906	273,915
1957-58	282,713	218,373	- 64,340	791,940	817,946	26,006
1958-59	291,297	219,551	- 71,746	796,599	811,463	14,864
1959-60	339,349	244,070	- 95,279	926,393	937,682	11,289
1957 -						
Oct.	26,128	24,962	- 1,166	72,022	94,358	22,336
Nov.	24,012	22,915	- 1,097	64,505	83,045	18,540
Dec.	21,806	20,346	- 1,460	62,037	70,347	8,310
1958 -						
Jan.	26,691	18,801	- 7,890	77,295	66,580	- 10,715
Feb.	22,331	17,504	- 4,827	62,702	59,963	- 2,739
Mar.	19,704	16,874	- 2,830	59,512	61,106	1,594
Oct.	24,056	18,627	- 5,429	65,655	75,096	9,441
Nov.	25,754	17,666	- 8,088	67,522	66,354	- 1,168
Dec.	23,974	24,029	55	62,362	76,389	14,027
1959 -						
Jan.	26,563	17,915	- 8,648	74,403	68,244	- 6,159
Feb.	21,368	22,051	683	58,946	73,653	14,707
Mar.	19,334	18,622	- 712	58,868	66,509	7,641
Oct.	26,978	21,381	- 5,597	74,063	83,955	9,892
Nov.	26,694	22,468	- 4,226	74,321	87,426	13,105
Dec.	28,631	27,697	- 934	76,159	96,342	20,183
1960 -						
Jan.	26,194	19,942	- 6,252	75,508	73,264	- 2,244
Feb.	31,325	22,176	- 9,149	78,530	82,969	4,439
Mar.	31,488	24,550	- 6,938	88,320r	88,145r	- 175r
Oct.	37,532	16,881r	- 20,651r	99,664	69,147r	- 30,517r
Nov.	29,646	17,727r	- 11,919r	90,081	95,520r	5,439r
Dec.	36,973r	24,309	- 12,664r	91,640r	84,507	- 7,133r
1961 -						
Jan.	38,753r	21,558	- 17,195r	99,693r	82,783	- 16,910r
Feb.	35,145	24,968	- 10,177	95,054r	80,727r	- 14,327r
Mar.	32,248	23,340	- 8,908	89,620	88,290	- 1,330

r : Revised.

NOTE : Minus sign (-) indicates excess of imports.

All figures from July, 1960 are subject to revision.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS

(Excluding Electric Tramways and Road Motor
Services under the Control of the Railway Commissioners)

Period	Traffic Train Mileage	No. of Passenger Journeys	Goods Carried (Excl. Livestock)	Live- stock Carried	Earnings (a)	Working Expenses (b)	Excess of Earnings Over Working Expenses
	'000		'000 tons			£'000	
1952-53	17,690	162,857	8,580	612	31,864	34,008	- 2,144
1953-54	18,303	166,106	8,622	579	35,707	35,951	- 244
1954-55	18,740	169,204	9,508	575	37,667	37,032	635
1955-56	18,635	166,708	9,127	480	37,032	38,026	- 994
1956-57	18,544	167,405	8,935	445	37,352	39,118	- 1,766
1957-58	18,353	167,662	8,385	507	35,954	38,174	- 2,220
1958-59	18,426	163,483	8,840	455	37,907	38,123	- 216
1959-60	18,282	158,153	9,281	407	39,189	39,557	- 368
1957 -							
Oct.	1,610	13,928	717	70	3,243	3,389	- 146
Nov.	1,554	13,635	720	67	3,127	3,165	- 38
Dec.	1,566	13,383	601	51	2,929	3,024	- 95
1958 -							
Jan.	1,512	12,593	682	44	3,021	3,252	- 231
Feb.	1,412	13,250	680	38	2,812	2,861	- 49
Mar.	1,569	15,178	763	37	3,111	3,120	- 9
Oct.	1,587	13,593	729	51	3,351	3,280	71
Nov.	1,481	13,410	624	49	2,980	3,044	- 64
Dec.	1,582	13,098	605	38	3,098	3,323	- 225
1959 -							
Jan.	1,544	11,762	783	40	3,392	3,101	291
Feb.	1,443	13,292	805	35	3,248	2,809	439
Mar.	1,585	14,575	765	35	3,240	3,158	82
Oct.	1,623	15,283	740	56	3,249	3,279	- 30
Nov.	1,531	12,761	718	56	3,240	3,123	117
Dec.	1,649	10,796	694	40	3,227	3,356	- 129
1960 -							
Jan.	1,500	12,768	763	27	3,368	3,179	189
Feb.	1,471	16,806	783	26	3,252	2,945	307
Mar.	1,559	11,453	907	28	3,448	3,361	87
Oct.	1,467	12,448	812	36	3,555	3,311	244
Nov.	1,479	10,851	832	37	3,529	3,397	132
Dec.	1,572	9,907	795	26	3,417	3,481	- 64
1961 -							
Jan.	1,558	11,994	998	18	3,982	3,410	572
Feb.	1,490	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3,931	3,044	887
Mar.	1,633	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3,796	3,527	269

Source : Victorian Railways Department.

(a) Excludes grants from consolidated revenue.

(b) Including cost of pensions and pay-roll tax.

n.a. : Not available.

NOTE : Minus sign (-) denotes excess of working expenses over earnings.

CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT VICTORIAN PORTS

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('000 tons)

Period	Cargo Discharged				Cargo Shipped			
	Oversea		Interstate		Oversea		Interstate	
	Weight	Measure- ment	Weight	Measure- ment	Weight	Measure- ment	Weight	Measure- ment
1950-51	3,102	1,489	1,868	210	1,250	418	449	239
1951-52	3,093	1,725	2,128	243	1,040	372	444	297
1952-53	2,474	630	2,275	189	1,016	505	404	263
1953-54	2,871	943	2,216	344	856	493	462	423
1954-55	3,938	1,286	2,223	354	1,264	556	883	423
1955-56	4,679	1,306	2,469	369	1,359	550	1,193	372
1956-57	4,665	949	2,412	307	1,467	514	1,164	388
1957-58	4,810	1,032	2,505	339	1,093	541	1,371	365
1958-59	4,923	983	2,740	343	1,618	528	1,110	383
1959-60	5,392	1,228	2,519	491	1,503	532	1,371	537
1957 -								
Aug.	416	82	232	16	121	36	75	23
Sep.	372	77	190	24	102	47	116	37
Oct.	370	91	288	23	98	45	137	32
Nov.	371	85	208	30	106	45	123	41
Dec.	372	81	190	19	75	34	88	28
1958 -								
Jan.	410	87	160	21	105	33	109	27
Aug.	394	110	223	15	108	40	91	29
Sep.	367	73	263	31	84	50	134	18
Oct.	439	91	212	37	99	42	63	45
Nov.	382	88	215	45	156	39	76	41
Dec.	519	74	166	30	174	48	103	28
1959 -								
Jan.	481	107	166	22	179	26	78	28
Aug.	471	108	231	35	91	48	105	36
Sep.	427	77	232	35	118	39	122	33
Oct.	473	94	253	39	98	52	120	52
Nov.	422	100	225	61	161	38	99	51
Dec.	396	98	212	38	77	44	144	45
1960 -								
Jan.	463	86	165	35	140	38	62	40
Aug.	419	165	214	41	64	34	98	43
Sep.	450	115	203	37	133	43	139	49
Oct.	535	132	206	54	120	48	125	53
Nov.	576	108	204	41	125	25	107	41
Dec.	362	302 r	172	44	153 r	43	168 r	51
1961 -								
Jan.	509	142	210	41	220	37	121	40

r : Revised.

Period	Cars (b)	Station Wagons	Utilities	Panel Vans	Other (c)	Total Other than Motor Cycles	Motor Cycles (d)
1951-52	40,144	966	9,296	2,260	8,323	60,989	n.a.
1952-53	26,377	397	6,618	1,146	3,694	38,232	1,205
1953-54	33,708	671	6,673	1,474	3,652	46,178	2,358
1954-55	46,728	800	8,553	2,586	4,768	63,435	2,363
1955-56	48,496	1,167	8,899	3,414	5,256	67,232	2,244
1956-57	42,701	1,161	7,386	3,001	4,319	58,568	1,963
1957-58	45,948	3,897	7,592	3,954	3,962	65,353	2,142
1958-59	45,058	7,868	7,114	5,201	4,421	69,662	2,280
1959-60	57,410	12,787	7,124	5,106	5,007	87,434	2,220
1957 -							
Nov.	4,237	256	655	365	342	5,855	214
Dec.	4,171	288	684	371	368	5,882	185
1958 -							
Jan.	3,479	212	590	266	275	4,822	226
Feb.	3,339	258	535	311	347	4,790	199
Mar.	3,745	438	697	329	357	5,566	205
Apr.	4,281	497	682	376	340	6,176	190
Nov.	4,234	622	625	442	388	6,311	187
Dec.	4,113	619	667	485	382	6,266	221
1959 -							
Jan.	3,425	529	573	328	323	5,178	177
Feb.	3,391	603	465	397	344	5,200	186
Mar.	3,455	700	589	463	355	5,562	175
Apr.	3,922	770	589	492	367	6,140	180
Nov.	5,220	901	579	486	356	7,542	167
Dec.	6,090	1,161	772	492	447	8,962	229
1960 -							
Jan.	3,752	715	516	252	309	5,544	183
Feb.	4,514	1,173	507	316	399	6,909	239
Mar.	5,210	1,140	588	350	526	7,814	258
Apr.	4,610	1,018	530	292	410	6,860	179
Nov.	5,872	1,467	539	307	467	8,652	105
Dec.	4,230	1,286	490	302	456	6,764	109
1961 -							
Jan.	2,644	860	367	178	307	4,356	109
Feb.	2,973	940	478	237	399	5,027	122
Mar.	4,255	1,396	504	295	370	6,820	81
Apr.	3,156	1,062	446	265	304	5,233	81

(a) Excludes defence service vehicles, but includes other Commonwealth-owned vehicles.

(b) Includes ambulances and hearses.

(c) Includes trucks, omnibuses, etc.

(d) Includes motor scooters.

NOTE: Between 1st February, 1955 and 30th June, 1959 figures include extra-metropolitan registrations for month prior to that indicated.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS : VICTORIA
ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES AS REPORTED BY THE POLICE

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Period	City of Melbourne (a)			Metropolitan Area Excluding City of Melbourne		
	Accidents Involving Casualties	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured	Accidents Involving Casualties	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured
1950-51	1,253	54	1,392	4,523	222	5,191
1951-52	1,373	49	1,602	4,955	214	5,750
1952-53	1,310	42	1,525	4,740	173	5,579
1953-54	1,142	38	1,326	4,971	186	5,917
1954-55	1,108	38	1,282	5,110	203	6,035
1955-56	1,075	26	1,225	5,248	192	6,307
1956-57	1,074	25	1,287	5,398	205	6,621
1957-58	1,098	29	1,314	5,501	187	6,881
1958-59	1,021	41	1,229	6,967	240	8,799
1959-60	1,143	30	1,386	6,892	283	8,780
1959 -						
June Qr.	265	10	320	1,876	79	2,342
Sep. Qr.	340	8	403	1,813	60	2,211
Dec. Qr.	284	5	350	1,786	64	2,311
1960 -						
Mar. Qr.	206	5	252	1,394	65	1,854
June Qr.	313	12	381	1,899	94	2,404
Sep. Qr.	293	11	373	1,869	89	2,409
Period	Outside Metropolitan Area			Total - Victoria		
	Accidents Involving Casualties	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured	Accidents Involving Casualties	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured
1950-51	3,498	305	4,781	9,274	581	11,364
1951-52	3,783	340	5,179	10,111	603	12,531
1952-53	4,048	300	5,460	10,098	515	12,564
1953-54	4,424	345	6,108	10,537	569	13,351
1954-55	3,999	287	5,516	10,217	528	12,833
1955-56	4,283	364	5,951	10,606	582	13,483
1956-57	4,332	359	6,212	10,804	589	14,120
1957-58	4,634	355	6,820	11,233	571	15,015
1958-59	4,474	380	6,756	12,462	661	16,784
1959-60	4,232	385	6,429	12,267	698	16,595
1959 -						
June Qr.	1,146	91	1,656	3,287	180	4,318
Sep. Qr.	991	74	1,415	3,144	142	4,029
Dec. Qr.	1,133	112	1,706	3,203	181	4,367
1960 -						
Mar. Qr.	1,046	89	1,675	2,646	159	3,781
June Qr.	1,062	110	1,633	3,274	216	4,418
Sep. Qr.	932	90	1,401	3,094	190	4,183

(a) Municipality of Melbourne.

NEW POLICIES ISSUED AND POLICIES MATURED OR OTHERWISE DISCONTINUED
(Excluding Annuities)

	New Policies Issued				Policies Matured, etc. (a)			
	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department		Ordinary Department		Industrial Department	
	Number	Sum Assured £'000	Number	Sum Assured £'000	Number	Sum Assured £'000	Number	Sum Assured £'000
1950-51	79,383	57,935	81,840	8,645	34,032	16,868	66,807	4,642
1951-52	85,012	71,292	82,349	9,747	33,800	19,921	71,841	5,008
1952-53	82,749	67,812	82,851	10,306	35,506	22,069	78,999	5,752
1953-54	80,720	73,336	70,876	9,399	42,399	28,545	81,985	6,293
1954-55	75,958	90,370	62,569	9,145	42,950	28,729	85,495	6,621
1955-56	81,240	104,646	57,860	9,020	46,090	38,693	86,939	7,094
1956-57	80,963	124,034	57,358	9,009	48,526	35,968	85,866	7,510
1957-58	83,699	155,042	56,678	9,247	52,379	47,589	87,250	7,500
1958-59	87,351	163,523	52,053	9,007	53,009	52,115	83,752	7,868
1959-60	113,257	227,588	52,111	9,608	71,653	63,420	85,201	7,996
1957 -								
Sep.	8,951	13,183	5,911	946	4,659	4,200	7,613	543
Oct.	6,771	12,344	5,127	824	4,256	3,756	7,222	635
Nov.	6,873	16,809	4,919	791	4,075	4,128	7,389	672
Dec.	7,363	16,005	4,272	808	4,127	4,882	7,056	573
1958 -								
Jan.	3,500	5,200	1,040	158	4,567	2,996	6,920	708
Feb.	6,170	10,350	3,923	623	3,835	3,744	5,908	518
Sep.	8,821	19,635	5,836	971	4,071	4,211	7,111	615
Oct.	6,818	12,468	4,505	772	4,538	4,274	7,469	683
Nov.	6,630	11,874	4,579	787	4,017	4,017	7,330	690
Dec.	7,954	20,655	3,535	698	4,299	4,792	7,848	682
1959 -								
Jan.	3,908	7,947	931	139	3,668	3,132	8,037	900
Feb.	5,528	9,055	3,906	647	3,899	4,004	5,127	529
Sep.	12,442	20,681	4,811	860	7,120	6,195	5,978	481
Oct.	7,828	15,955	4,961	898	3,999	4,480	7,826	736
Nov.	8,730	16,476	4,492	789	4,470	5,400	7,404	758
Dec.	10,148	40,371	4,076	832	6,026	6,787	5,781	617
1960 -								
Jan.	5,889	9,052	816	150	5,112	3,980	5,674	528
Feb.	8,519	14,198	4,921	875	4,955	4,337	8,390	864
Sep.	15,165	38,866	4,476	1,130	16,644	9,501	8,795	737
Oct.	10,397	20,102	4,484	1,134	5,872	7,252	10,343	964
Nov.	10,092	20,843	4,330	1,265	6,016	5,944	7,984	808
Dec.	10,070	55,285	3,632	1,254	20,781	17,163	7,750	777
1961 -								
Jan.	5,285	11,571	1,186	231	5,936	5,923	6,569	655
Feb.	7,673	14,378	4,017	919	6,365	7,620	7,656	724

(a) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered, and policies discontinued for other causes.

LIFE ASSURANCE : VICTORIA
NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES
 (Excluding Advances of Premiums)

(£'000)

Period	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies	Other	Total
1950-51	13,187	763	1,111	15,061
1951-52	12,796	1,115	1,959	15,870
1952-53	6,362	1,108	1,427	8,897
1953-54	8,989	930	866	10,785
1954-55	12,781	1,108	674	14,563
1955-56	14,966	1,557	1,196	17,719
1956-57	15,859	1,690	1,997	19,546
1957-58	14,773	1,820	760	17,353
1958-59	16,525	2,189	622	19,336
1959-60	17,946	2,443	1,285	21,674
1957 -				
Sep.	1,571	132	3	1,706
Oct.	1,123	170	261	1,554
Nov.	1,442	162	71	1,675
Dec.	1,340	145	121	1,606
1958 -				
Jan.	648	121	1	770
Feb.	829	128	68	1,025
Sep.	1,388	169	54	1,611
Oct.	1,834	189	58	2,081
Nov.	1,435	174	40	1,649
Dec.	1,755	183	12	1,950
1959 -				
Jan.	882	119	12	1,013
Feb.	1,123	152	43	1,318
Sep.	1,464	216	67	1,747
Oct.	1,551	212	117	1,880
Nov.	1,796	194	60	2,050
Dec.	2,093	193	74	2,360
1960 -				
Jan.	883	131	4	1,018
Feb.	1,201	163	315	1,679
Sep.	3,309	265	224	3,798
Oct.	1,660	251	96	2,007
Nov.	1,630	344	100	2,074
Dec.	1,905	327	154	2,386
1961 -				
Jan.	1,540	209	99	1,848
Feb.	1,583	417	45	2,045

POST OFFICE REVENUE (a) : VICTORIA
(£'000)

Period	Commission on Money Orders and Poundage on Postal Notes	Telegraphs	Telephones	Postage, Private Boxes, Bags, etc.	Miscell- aneous	Total
1957-58	246.4	1,471.0	16,239.8	8,794.7	898.0	27,649.9
1958-59	255.4	1,538.7	17,539.8	9,327.1	1,001.1	29,662.1
1959-60	293.9	1,688.5	21,110.5	11,203.2	979.6	35,275.7
1959 -						
Mar.	21.1	110.5	1,313.4	693.5	19.0	2,157.5
Apr.	21.2	163.7	1,547.2	793.5	101.9	2,627.5
May	22.8	110.6	1,487.8	775.6	72.4	2,469.2
1960 -						
Mar.	27.6	153.0	1,904.7	976.4	139.7	3,201.4
Apr.	26.3	117.1	1,550.0	849.5	14.0	2,556.9
May	25.7	167.5	2,074.5	943.5	52.9	3,264.1
1961 -						
Mar.	25.1	172.9	2,096.6	977.3	129.9	3,401.8
Apr.	22.8	178.4	1,741.9	829.0	72.2	2,844.3
May	25.9	135.8	2,020.4	1,097.6	98.3	3,378.0

(a) Excludes radio receipts.

POST OFFICE SERVICES : VICTORIA
('000)

Period	Gross Connections of Telephone Services			Television Viewers' Licences in Force (a)			Broadcast Listeners' Licences in Force (a)
	Metro.	Country	Total	Metro.	Country	Total	
1957-58	30.4	12.6	43.0	134.1	13.6	147.7	558.0
1958-59	30.7	14.1	44.8	241.8	28.3	270.1	605.3
1959-60	33.4	14.5	47.9	308.7	44.4	353.1	606.6
1959 -							
Feb.	2.7	1.2	3.9	211.3	23.3	234.6	591.7
Mar.	2.2	1.0	3.2	218.4	24.6	243.0	598.3
Apr.	2.6	1.3	3.9	227.3	25.9	253.2	608.6
1960 -							
Feb.	2.4	1.1	3.5	283.1	37.5	320.6	602.1
Mar.	2.4	0.8	3.2	288.8	38.5	327.3	600.6
Apr.	2.6	0.8	3.4	292.9	39.9	332.8	597.6
1961 -							
Feb.	2.5	1.4	3.9	n.a.	n.a.	386.4	593.1
Mar.	3.0	1.4	4.4	n.a.	n.a.	391.7	593.8
Apr.	2.4	1.3	3.7	n.a.	n.a.	392.0	589.7

Source : Postmaster-General's Department.

(a) At end of period.

n.a. : Not available.

RAINFALL IN DISTRICTS : VICTORIA
(Inches)

27.

Period	Mallee	Wimmera	Western	Northern Country	North Central	Central	North East	Gipps- land
1911-40 (a)	12.49	17.52	27.59	18.09	28.16	28.89	34.81	33.47
1954	13.41	17.68	25.92	21.22	29.88	30.93	35.58	34.02
1955	17.68	22.44	32.40	26.00	35.99	34.12	49.05	33.86
1956	20.85	24.31	34.02	31.45	41.17	34.29	55.59	44.25
1957	9.67	14.87	26.82	13.55	23.01	24.85	27.32	31.98
1958	15.45	17.65	29.05	21.40	31.57	28.99	37.78	35.42
1959	9.97	15.16	24.46	16.56	26.09	26.53	27.69	33.63
1960	18.08	24.75	36.01	22.70	38.45	34.98	40.16	37.26
1911-40 (b)								
Jan.	0.68	0.74	1.19	1.04	1.37	1.66	1.83	2.49
Feb.	1.02	1.14	1.57	1.27	1.73	1.87	2.01	2.33
Mar.	0.65	0.79	1.59	1.16	1.72	2.22	2.22	2.68
Apr.	0.82	1.18	2.15	1.33	2.12	2.41	2.48	2.74
May	1.23	1.77	2.69	1.68	2.58	2.41	3.05	2.65
June	1.32	1.97	2.89	2.06	3.18	2.67	4.26	3.05
July	1.23	1.97	2.91	1.85	3.02	2.47	3.82	2.86
Aug.	1.24	1.94	3.19	1.84	3.11	2.71	4.03	2.90
Sep.	1.27	2.00	2.97	1.82	2.83	2.78	3.27	2.93
Oct.	1.22	1.51	2.50	1.65	2.52	2.90	3.20	3.25
Nov.	0.86	1.22	2.11	1.13	1.94	2.43	2.23	2.74
Dec.	0.95	1.29	1.83	1.26	2.04	2.36	2.41	2.85
1959 -								
July	0.39	0.63	2.11	0.66	1.93	1.85	1.39	2.54
Aug.	1.02	2.41	3.37	1.40	2.95	2.74	3.58	3.27
Sep.	0.98	1.39	2.20	1.71	3.56	4.32	3.75	5.96
Oct.	2.60	1.67	2.04	2.91	2.42	2.87	3.28	3.56
Nov.	0.32	0.79	0.94	0.56	1.77	1.59	1.54	2.36
Dec.	0.61	1.69	3.67	1.43	2.43	2.94	1.56	3.34
1960 -								
Jan.	2.08	1.26	1.44	1.69	1.56	1.55	2.72	1.24
Feb.	1.44	1.69	2.92	1.08	1.80	2.09	1.11	1.64
Mar.	0.63	1.19	1.65	0.52	0.66	0.64	1.01	1.16
Apr.	1.18	2.31	4.49	1.62	4.40	5.65	3.48	3.16
May	2.74	4.41	4.86	4.04	6.76	5.57	7.96	6.78
June	0.95	1.44	2.30	0.99	2.43	1.61	1.87	3.55
July	2.04	1.83	4.17	2.59	4.66	3.99	5.64	4.24
Aug.	1.55	2.25	3.21	2.00	3.31	2.83	3.54	2.41
Sep.	2.50	3.75	4.49	4.06	5.70	4.02	5.16	4.02
Oct.	0.26	0.85	2.01	0.67	1.36	1.57	1.85	2.36
Nov.	2.42	2.90	3.64	2.31	4.68	4.42	3.31	4.61
Dec.	0.29	0.87	0.83	1.13	1.13	1.04	2.51	2.09
1961 -								
Jan.	0.24	0.14	0.39	0.62	1.09	0.77	1.10	1.24
Feb.	0.46	0.61	0.62	0.59	1.05	1.30	0.86	1.34
Mar.	1.00	0.71	1.11	1.81	2.41	2.28	1.82	4.84
Apr.	1.83	2.83	4.41	1.95	3.46	2.65	3.42	2.46
May	0.28	0.59	1.82	0.51	1.20	2.03	0.90	2.53

Source : Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology.

(a) Average rainfall per year over a standard 30 years' period.

(b) Average rainfall per month over a standard 30 years' period.

SALES OF WOOL AT AUCTION : VICTORIA

	Wool Sold			Amount Realized				Average Price of Greasy Wool at Auction in Victoria (Including Albury)
	Greasy and Scoured			Mel- bourne	Geelong	Albury and Ballarat	Total	
	Mel- bourne	Geelong	Albury and Ballarat					
	'000 bales			£'000				pence per lb.
1950-51	570.8	279.6	126.9	103,025	55,495	21,347	179,867	150.74
1951-52	576.6	308.6	114.3	46,987	28,194	8,960	84,141	68.65
1952-53	626.2	335.6	131.4	59,334	35,857	11,659	106,850	79.10
1953-54	577.1	306.8	124.0	55,438	32,946	11,370	99,754	82.24
1954-55	617.2	359.3	135.5	53,895	34,137	11,233	99,265	73.37
1955-56	669.5	382.7	142.7	50,538	30,877	10,139	91,554	62.22
1956-57	761.6	442.6	157.2	72,751	45,761	13,890	132,402	79.87
1957-58	679.9	448.5	123.7	51,648	36,649	9,226	97,523	63.82
1958-59	738.9	437.9	148.7	44,970	28,010	8,947	81,927	49.89
1959-60	784.2	480.7	151.1	56,685	37,603	10,868	105,156	60.11
1959-60 July-Apr.	626.7	390.0	144.7	46,625	31,275	10,552	88,452	61.68
1960-61 July-Apr.	620.8	374.9	120.0	40,908	27,794	6,017	74,719	53.41
1959 - July	0.2	(a)	..	8	2	..	10	35.51
Aug.	50.9	..	..	3,929	..	..	3,929	60.91
Sep.	56.8	43.5	26.5	4,324	3,229	1,950	9,503	60.27
Oct.	122.1	51.3	..	9,020	4,262	..	13,282	61.89
Nov.	65.6	51.1	27.6	4,873	4,226	2,045	11,144	62.88
Dec.	65.9	51.5	25.7	4,949	4,260	1,960	11,169	63.17
1960 - Jan.	67.7	48.8	24.4	5,072	3,998	1,796	10,866	62.61
Feb.	79.1	96.0	20.4	5,773	7,565	1,425	14,763	61.49
Mar.	117.9	47.8	..	8,653	3,733	..	12,386	60.67
Apr.	0.5	..	20.5	24	..	1,376	1,400	55.27
May	89.5	81.4	..	5,882	5,834	..	11,716	55.34
June	68.0	9.3	6.0	4,178	494	316	4,988	47.94
July	7.6	0.1	..	433	3	..	436	45.56
Aug.	38.8	..	..	2,296	..	..	2,296	45.44
Sep.	86.4	..	23.5	5,318	1,433	..	6,751	48.50
Oct.	70.5	76.7	22.7	4,385	5,042	1,374	10,801	50.74
Nov.	108.9	49.0	24.5	7,187	3,536	1,550	12,273	53.45
Dec.	62.1	50.4	1.2	4,028	3,539	75	7,642	53.32
1961 - Jan.	65.5	49.5	23.0	4,339	3,400	1,428	9,167	53.17
Feb.	66.6	49.5	..	4,685	3,583	..	8,268	57.34
Mar.	47.9	50.6	25.1	3,332	3,617	1,590	8,539	55.62
Apr.	66.5	49.1	..	4,905	3,641	..	8,546	59.38

Source : National Council of Wool Selling Brokers.

(a) Less than half the final digit shown.